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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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Claims 16-20 are pending.

Rejection of claim 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6680365 is believed to be obviated by the submission of a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) accompany this Amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The following amendments are believed to have obviated these rejections:

Claim 17:

- the addition of the words "polyaminoacid chain bearing the" before the "mettallacycle end group" term
- the addition of process steps beginning with "providing" and "adding."
- substitution of variables R1, R2, R3 and R4 with R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄, respectively.

Claim 20:

- deletion of "α" before "aminoacid-N-carboxyanhydride monomer."

Claim 18:

- addition of "molecule complex" after initiator.
- deletion of the terms "the reaction" and "the efficiency"
- in addition, claim 18 has been amended to clarify Applicant's claimed invention in response to Examiner's specific objections. In this respect, the term "efficiency" is the polymerization efficiency of the initiator and one can determine the polymerization efficiency of an initiator in

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various solvents using polymerization experiments. These changes are supported by paragraphs [00102] and [00103] of the specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-3881.

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